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For empowering His MAJESTY to direct the Augmentation of His Militia Forces in *Ireland*, to an Extent to be limited.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

1 WHEREAS it is expedient, for the more effectual Defence of the United Kingdom, to veſt in the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, a diſcretionary Power, during the preſent War, to augment the Militia of *Ireland*; Preamble.

Be it therefore Enacted by the KING's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, to iſſue his Orders to any Colonel or Commanding Officer of any Regiment or Battalion of the Militia 2 of *Ireland*, to enrol and receive into ſuch Regiment or Battalion ſuch Volunteers as ſhall offer to ſerve in the ſaid Militia, and ſuch Number as ſhall be from Time to Time neceſſary to ſupply any Vacancies in the ſame by Death, Deſertion, or lawful Diſcharge. Lord Lieutenant may order Commanding Officer to enrol Volunteers during the War.

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No Company to exceed a certain Number.

Provided always, That the Strength of any Regiment or Battalion of Militia ſhall not exceed Rank and File *per* Company, with the uſual Proportion of Commiſſioned or Non-commiſſioned Officers; nor ſhall any additional Company be added to any Regiment or Battalion of Militia.

Warrants to Commanding Officers to expreſs the Numbers to be raiſed.

And be it further Enacted, That the Warrant of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, directed to the Colonel or Commanding Officer of any Regiment or Battalion, ſhall ſpecify the preciſe Number of Men *per* Company to be enrolled and received into the ſaid Regiment or Battalion.

Upon receiving ſuch Orders, Commanding Officers to proceed to enliſt Volunteers, giving them a certain Bounty.

And be it further Enacted, That upon ſuch Order or Orders being iſſued as aforeſaid, the ſeveral Colonels or other Commanding Officer or Officers of ſuch Regiments ſhall, from Time to Time, immediately after the Receipt of ſuch Order or Orders, proceed to enliſt and enrol within their reſpective County or County of a City, ſuch Volunteers, being able-bodied Men, uſually reſident within ſuch reſpective Counties, and not being leſs than Five Feet and Two Inches in Height, and not more than Forty-five Years of Age, as can be procured, giving to each Man, by way of Bounty, any Sum or Sums, and in ſuch Proportions, and payable at ſuch Time or Times, as the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Chief Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being may from Time to Time direct, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of *per* Man.

No larger Sum to be given to Volunteers than ſhall be directed.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful to or for any Colonel or other Commanding Officer or Officers of any Regiment of Militia, or to or for any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever on his or their Behalf, to advance or give, or to engage or promiſe to advance or give, for the Purpoſe of inducing any Man to enrol himſelf as a Volunteer, any larger or greater Sum of Money, or any other Largeſs, Bounty, or Reward, than ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall be ſo ordered by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Chief Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, in Manner aforeſaid.

And be it further Enacted, That every Man ſo enrolled ſhall take and ſubſcribe the following Oath, in the Preſence of ſome one Governor, Deputy Governor, Juſtice of the Peace, or Magiſtrate, acting in and for the County, City, or Place, to which the Regiment,

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ment, Battalion, or Corps, in which he ſhall be enrolled, ſhall belong:

" I, *A. B.* do ſincerely promiſe and ſwear, That I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majeſty King GEORGE the Third, and that I will faithfully ſerve in the Militia within that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, for the Defence of the ſame, during the Term of Years, for which I am enrolled, or for ſuch further Time as the Militia ſhall remain embodied, if, within the Space of Years, His Majeſty ſhall order and direct the Militia to be drawn out and embodied, unleſs I ſhall be ſooner diſcharged." Oath.

And be it further Enacted, That in caſe any Vacancies ſhall occur in the ſaid Militia by Death, Deſertion, or lawful Diſcharge, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſeveral Colonels or other Commanding Officers of the ſeveral Regiments to procure and enrol, from Time to Time, Volunteers to fill up any Vacancies which ſhall happen by ſuch Death, Deſertion, or Diſcharge, and to pay to ſuch Volunteer ſuch Sum or Sums, and in ſuch Proportions, and payable at ſuch Time or Times, as the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Chief Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, may direct, in Manner aforeſaid; and that every ſuch Volunteer enrolled for the Purpoſe of ſupplying Vacancies as aforeſaid, ſhall reſpectively take and ſubſcribe the Oath hereinbefore recited to be taken by Volunteers to be enrolled by virtue of this Act, and in Manner hereinbefore expreſſed. 6 Volunteers may be enrolled to fill up Vacancies.

And be it further Enacted, That all Volunteers ſo enrolled, ſhall, from the Date of their Atteſtations, be conſidered and are hereby declared to be Militia Men, to all Intents and Purpoſes, and ſhall receive the ſame Pay, be entitled to the ſame Allowances, and be ſubject to all the Laws and Regulations which now are or may hereafter be in force in *Ireland*, with reſpect to any Militia Man who ſhall have voluntarily enrolled himſelf in the ſaid Militia of *Ireland*; and that the Wives and Families of ſuch Militia Men ſhall be entitled to Relief, in all Caſes, in the ſame Manner as the Wives and Families of Militia Men are entitled under and by virtue of an Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, " An Act to make Proviſion, in certain Caſes, for the Wives and " Families of Balloted Men, Subſtitutes, and Volunteers, ſerving in " the Militia of *Ireland*;" and alſo, that all and every the Rules, Regulations, Clauſes, Proviſions, Matters, and Things, contained 7 Enrolled Volunteers to be conſidered Militia Men. 8

in any Act in force with reſpect to the Militia of *Ireland*, and in any Act for the Puniſhment of Mutiny and Deſertion, ſhall be applied to, and extend in as full Force in reſpect to any Perſon who ſhall be enrolled as a Militia Man under and by virtue of the preſent Act, as to any Perſon who has been enrolled as ſuch by virtue of the Proviſions in any other Act or Acts in force relating to the Militia of *Ireland*.

Where more Men have been received previous to this Act than the Eſtabliſhment, ſuch to be deemed Militia Men.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That if any Deputy Governor of any County, Town, or City in *Ireland*, ſhall happen, previous to the paſſing of this Act, to have received into the Militia more Men than the Eſtabliſhment previous to the paſſing of this Act amounted to, ſuch Men ſhall be deemed Militia Men to all Intents and Purpoſes, and ſhall be entitled to Pay from the Date of their reſpective Enrolments, and to the Bounty aforeſaid; and ſhall be ſet down to the Account of ſome Pariſh, Townland, or Subdiviſion, in like Manner as Perſons voluntarily offering themſelves to ſerve are directed to be ſet down by any Act or Acts in force relating to the Militia of *Ireland*. 9

Colonels, &c. to tranſmit certified Copies of Entries of Names of Men enrolled to the Chief Secretary.

And be it further Enacted, That the ſaid ſeveral Colonels, or other Commanding Officer or Officers, ſhall keep or cauſe to be kept true and regular Entries of the Names, Additions, Places of Reſidence, Pariſh, and other Deſcriptions, of the Perſons they ſhall enrol as aforeſaid, and the ſeveral Sums they ſhall advance and pay to ſuch Perſons reſpectively, and ſhall tranſmit regular Copies of ſuch Entries, certified by them reſpectively, as well as by the Adjutant and Paymaſter, or Clerk of the Regiment, Battalion, or Corps reſpectively, to the Office of the Chief Secretary of the ſaid Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors, as aforeſaid. 10

Chief Secretary to cauſe Copies of Returns of Men enrolled, to be tranſmitted to County Treaſurers, &c.

And be it further Enacted, That the ſaid Chief Secretary ſhall cauſe Copies of the Returns of the Men thus enrolled, and the Sums advanced to ſuch Men reſpectively, to be tranſmitted to the ſeveral and reſpective Treaſurers of the ſeveral Counties and Counties of Cities in *Ireland*, Days at leaſt previous to the then next enſuing General Aſſizes after ſuch Expenditure, or if to the Treaſurer of the County and City of Dublin, within Days previous to each preſenting Term; and the ſaid ſeveral Treaſurers ſhall, and they are hereby reſpectively required, to lay the ſaid Returns before the Judges of Aſſize on the Commiſſion Day of ſuch Aſſizes, or, in the County and City of Dublin, before the Court of King's Bench, on the firſt Day of ſuch Term, and 11

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and before the reſpective Grand Juries for ſuch Counties or Counties of Cities ſhall be ſworn; and the ſaid Judges, or the ſaid Court, as the Caſe may be, ſhall and they are hereby required to give the ſame in Charge to the ſaid Grand Juries, in order that the Sums thus expended may be preſented and raiſed of the ſaid Counties or Counties of Cities, either by Preſentment on the County at large, or by Preſentments on ſeparate Baronies or Pariſhes, as may appear to them in each particular Caſe to be juſt and equitable, which ſaid Preſentments the ſaid reſpective Grand Juries are hereby reſpectively authorized and required to make, unleſs the Amount of the Sum thus to be raiſed ſhall appear to the ſaid reſpective Grand Juries too large to be raiſed at One Aſſizes within the reſpective Counties or Counties of Cities, in which Caſe it
12 ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid ſeveral Grand Juries, by and with the Concurrence of the Judges at the ſaid Aſſizes or Terms, or the ſaid Court, to preſent any Part of ſuch Sum, not leſs than One Moiety thereof, at ſuch Aſſizes or Terms; and the Reſidue ſhall in like Manner be given in Charge to and preſented by the Grand Jury of ſuch County or County of a City, or Grand Juries of ſuch reſpective Counties or Counties of Cities, as the Caſe may be, at the then next enſuing Aſſizes or Term, as the Caſe may be; and in caſe the Grand Jury of any County or County of a City ſhall, after the Judges, or the Court, ſhall have given the ſame in Charge to them, omit, neglect, or refuſe to preſent the ſame, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Judges of Aſſize, or the Court, to order and direct the Treaſurer of ſuch County or County of a City to include the Whole of ſuch Sum, and return the ſame among the Preſentments of the County, ſo that the ſame
13 ſhall be raiſed and levied forthwith; and it ſhall not be lawful to ra verſe any ſuch Preſentments.

And be further Enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered, or repealed, by any Act to be paſſed in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament. Act may be altered this Seſſion.

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